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Docket No. B-6121PCT 623711-8

International Application No.: PCT/JP2005/003810

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US:

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International Filing Date: 28 February 2005

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Title of Invention:
"METHOD OF FORMING NANOBUBBLES"

Priority Date Claimed:

U.S. Application No. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) NOT YET ASSIGNED

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EQ/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- 4. [X] The U.S. Has been elected (Article 31).
- 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - , b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. [X] is attached hereto.
 - b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. [X] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c) (3)).
- 9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. [] An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with copy of PCT search report.
- 12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet with check for \$40.00 in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [] A preliminary amendment.
- 14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
- 15. [] A substitute specification.
- 16. [] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- 17. [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT rule 13ter.2 and 37CFR 1.821 1.825.
- 18. [] A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 19. () A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 20. [X] Other items or information: Copy of PCT Application as filed and published (27 sheets) Copy of International Search Report (2 pages)

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6 sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-8)

- copy of PCT Application as filed and published (27 sheets)
- International Search Report (2 pages)
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